Months	Number of accidents
August	269
September	234
October	285
November	213
December	211
1992:	
January	219
February	226

3240. [Transferred to the 24th March, 1992.]

Modernisation of Bombay Port

3241. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive plan for the upgradation and modernisation of the Bombay Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 600 crores has been drawn up by the Port Authorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details of further iimprovemente and additional amenities envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir. Bombay Port has sent the 8th Plan proposals amounting to Rs. 612.60 crores to the Ministry.

(b) Bombay Port has suggested several schemes. Schemes costing more than Rs. 20 crores are mentioned below:

(i) Container handling facilities (Phase-I)

(ii) Replacement of Pir Pau Pier

(iii) Replacement of two submarine pipelines

(iv) Installation of computerised MIS

(v) Replacement of Grab dredger 'Vikas

(vi) Replacement of remaining 5 submorine pipelines

(vii) Container handing facilities (Phase-ll)

(viii) Fifth oil Berth—Jawahar Dweep

(ix) Acquisition and development of land at Wadala

(x) Environmental upgradation.

Pollution causing vehicles

3242. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private vehicles challaned upto 29th February, 1992 with a view to check pollution in Delhi;

(to) thg details of fines imposed;

(c) the extent to which Government have succeeded i, checking pollution by vehicles; and

(d) whether a similar checking of vehicles was als$_0$ undertaken recently in other States/Union Territories, if so, with what results and whether a similar law exists there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the period March, 90 to 29th Feb. 1992, 14,437 vehicles wer$_e$ challaned.

(b) A fine of Rs. 25,31,200 was imposed.

(c) Upto Jan. 1992 approximately 12.68 lakh)-, vehicles were checked and 16 per cent vehicles were found polluting bevond the prescribed standards- in comparison to 36 per cent vehicles exceeding prescribed standards betwene Dec. 1987 to Feb. 1990.

(d) All Stated/Union Territories have been requested to conduct pollution checking of motor vehicles.

Provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 are applicable uniformly all over the country.

Issue of driving licence

3243. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will' the Minister of SURFACE: TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drivers are responsible for 49 percent of road accidents in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to make issuance of driving licence more strict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per information received from the States, about three-fourth of the road accidents are caused due to the fault of drivers.

(b) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 now provides for strickr tests/conditions, for issue of driving licences. The implementation of the provisions of the Act is, however, the responsibility of the States who have been addressed from time to time, to follow these provisions scrupulously. The Transport Secretaries of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have again been requested in the first week of March 1992 to issue strict instructions to the licensing authorities so that the licenses are issued only to the persons who are fully qualified and successfully pass the prescribed driving tests.

3244. [Transferred to the 26th March, 1992.]

Golden Handshake in D.T.C.

3245. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a policy of "Golden handshake" for employees of the Delhi Transport Corporation at an approximate cost Rs. 200 crores as Part of its effort? to streamline the functioning of the Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT ' (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A group of Ministers has been set up by the Government under the Chairmanship of Minister for Finance to workout an interconnected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation.. Golden Hanshake' is one of the proposal under consideration. However, no final decision has been taken by the Group of Ministers.